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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Summary: This proposal requires continuing education training for school board members, with additional training required for members serving districts with provisional accreditation.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Revenue	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 7 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☒ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Local Government	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§162.203 Continuing Education Training

Officials at the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** assume that currently, initially elected or appointed school board members receive 16 hours of training. There is a current appropriation of \$136,326 that is paid to two entities for new school board member training. This proposal would require those board members who have been reelected after a break in service to also complete the orientation and training. In addition, the proposal adds a continuing education component for incumbent board members as well as board members serving in districts that are provisionally accredited, districts with a school building or buildings scoring less than fully accredited, or districts that are deemed needing additional support by DESE. This will significantly increase the number of required trainings and will result in additional unknown costs. The impact is Unknown but likely will exceed \$100,000.

Officials at the **Kansas City Public Schools** assume this could cost between \$5,000 to \$10,000 annually.

Officials at the **Branson Public Schools** assume any fiscal impact would involve payment for training, travel, meals, lodging etc. That amount would vary depending upon the number of board members involved but the amount is estimated to be less than \$5,000.

Officials at the **Cole County R-1 Schools** assume an impact for travel and lodging but are unable to determine the exact impact.

Officials at the **Riverview Gardens School District** assume a cost of \$3,000 annually.

Officials at the **Special School District of St. Louis** assume there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Oversight notes that current statute requires all newly elected school board members to receive 16 hours of orientation and training within one year of being elected. This orientation and training is provided free of charge to school board members by the Missouri School Board Association (MSBA) and the Missouri Association of Rural Education (MARE) per statute. The training is scheduled around the state so the costs to schools is limited to travel expenses (mileage, meals and motels). Oversight assumes that since the current training is provided by MSBA and MARE, the additional training required in this proposal would be too.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Oversight notes that between FY 2012 - FY 2014 the amount of money each organization has received for the training has remained constant. MARE received \$16,239 annually and MSBA received \$119,761 annually for a total of \$136,000. In FY 2015, the state budget included the \$136,000 for payment of the training; however, the Governor has withheld that money and as of the date of the fiscal note neither organization has been paid for training held in FY 2015.

Oversight notes the following number of board members were trained by each organization:

Board Members Trained	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
MARE	79	82	79
MSBA	486	334	333

Information obtained from FY 2016 budget proposal.

Oversight assumes part of this proposal requires all incumbent board members to receive an additional six hours of training once reelected. There are approximately 3,600 board members serving the 520 school districts. The majority serve 3 year terms with one third reelected each year.

Oversight assumes that if 50% are reelected each year then 600 school board members would be required to take the additional six hours of training. Oversight assumes this additional six hours would continue to be provided by the MSBA and MARE per current statute. Therefore this part of the proposal would cost school districts travel expenses. Schools could be expected to have between zero (none reelected) up to two members reelected each year. Oversight assumes school districts would have additional travel expenses from this part of the proposal.

Oversight assumes part of this proposal would require all board members in provisionally accredited school districts (currently 11 districts), districts with buildings scoring less than fully accredited or districts needing extra support to annually attend twelve additional hours of training. Oversight assumes this additional twelve hours would continue to be provided by the MSBA and MARE per current statute. Therefore this part of the proposal would cost school districts travel expenses. Oversight assumes that the school districts would work with MSBA and MARE to schedule classes to lessen the travel expenses of the school boards. Oversight assumes school districts would have additional travel expenses from this part of the proposal.

Oversight contacted MARE and MSBA to determine if there is a registration fee for these classes. MARE indicated that if funding is not restored they would begin charging a fee of \$200-\$250 for the original training and \$100 for refresher courses. MSBA did not respond to

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Oversight's request for information. Oversight assumes that the six hours of training for reelected members would cost the \$100. Oversight assumes that should the school districts be required to pay a registration fee that school districts would be negatively impacted.

Oversight assumes that with 520 school districts required to pay for additional school board member trainings that it would negatively impact school districts by more than \$100,000. Oversight assumes that if funding is restored to this program with the number of individuals requiring the training the State could be negatively impacted by \$100,000.

Officials at the following schools: Blue Springs Public Schools, Caruthersville School District, Columbia Public Schools, Everton R-III School District, Fair Grove Schools, Fulton Public School, Harrisonville School District, Independence Public Schools, Jefferson City Public Schools, Kirksville Public Schools, Kirbyville R-VI Schools, Lee Summit Public Schools, Macon School, Malta Bend Schools, Mexico Public Schools, Monroe City R-I Schools, Nixa Public Schools, Parkway Public Schools, Pattonville Schools, Raymore-Peculiar R-III Schools, Raytown School District, Sedalia School District, Sikeston Public Schools, Silex Public Schools, Spickard School District, Springfield School District, St Joseph School District, St Louis Public Schools, St. Charles Public Schools, Sullivan Public Schools, Warren County R-III School District and Waynesville Public School did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost - DESE - reimbursement of training provided by MARE and MSBA</u>	<u>(\$100,000)</u>	<u>(\$100,000)</u>	<u>(\$100,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$100,000)</u>	<u>(\$100,000)</u>	<u>(\$100,000)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS			
<u>Cost</u> - School Districts - travel expenses and registration fees for school board member training	(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u>)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS	(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u>)

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

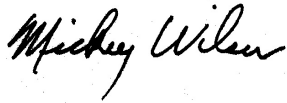
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes continuing education requirements for school board members. Any board member reelected after a break in service after August 28, 2015, must successfully complete the orientation and training requirements within one year of the election. Within the first year of each additional term of office, a member must complete at least six hours of continuing education training. Board members in districts that are provisionally accredited, have any school building scoring at less than fully accredited, or that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education identifies as needing additional support must complete a total of 12 hours of continuing education training annually, with at least six hours on subjects specified in the bill. Failure to comply with the training requirements must result in the forfeiture of his or her position on the board.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Branson Public Schools
Cole County R-1 Schools
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Kansas City Public Schools
Riverview Gardens School District
Special School District of St. Louis



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